provisions of Sections 244-256 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Provided, however, that all rules and regulations as may be adopted by Baltimore City or any agency or department thereof pursuant to this title, shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections 244-256 of Article 41 of this Code.

- (e) Notwithstanding any provision in this title to the contrary, Baltimore City, or any agency or department thereof, responsible either in whole or in part for the administration of any public project, funded either in whole or in part by federal funds, including but not limited to Urban Renewal Programs and Area Code Enforcement Programs, is authorized and empowered to do any and all acts and things necessary, including, but not limited to the adoption of rules and regulations, to comply with the terms, conditions and provisions of any Federal laws and attendant regulations authorizing benefits, payments and compensation for displacees from such public projects and for persons owning any right, title to or interest in any real property acquired for such public projects in order to obtain the full benefit thereunder for the City and for such persons and displacees from said projects in Baltimore City. For the purpose of this section, the term "Federal laws and regulations" is defined as existing acts of Congress authorizing benefits, payments and compensation for or to such persons and displacees from public improvement projects receiving federal funds, any amendments thereto hereinafter enacted, subsequent Acts of Congress of like character, and any existing or subsequently promulgated rules and regulations issued in connection therewith.
- SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 31, 1972.

## CHAPTER 686

(Senate Bill 897)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 5A, 12 (b) and 13 (d) of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Corporations," subtitle "I. Stock Companies," subheading "FORMATION OF CORPORATIONS AND Charter Amendments;" Section 16 (b) of said title and subtitle of said Code, subheading "Extension of Existence;" Sections 18 (b), 27 (b) and 35 (c) of said title and subtitle of said Code, subheading "Capital Stock and Stockholders;" Section 48 of said title and subtitle of said Code, subheading "Bylaws, Books, Accounts, Records and Stockholders' Rights of Inspection and to Information;" Sections 68 (b), 69 (b) and 70 (b) of said title and subtitle of said Code, subheading "Consolidation, Merger and Other Transfers of Property Not in the